

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "U"

We wish the solutions to financing the City's complex operations were as easily found as the opponents to City's Utility User Tax would have you believe.



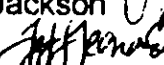

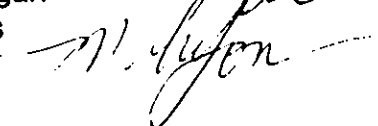
First, Redevelopment Agency funds are not legally available to spend on recurring City operations. The purpose of redevelopment is to eliminate blighting conditions within a community just as Eureka has successfully done in its Oldtown and along the City's Waterfront.

Secondly, to say City services such as public safety, streets, parks and recreation, and environmental programs can be paid for by money that does not exist until property is sold, is fiscally irresponsible. This is because land held for resale by the City, should it be sold, is a one-time source of funds. Paying for multi-year ongoing operations of the City with one-time funds would not be fiscally practical.

The City's Finance Advisory Committee has supported placement of the Utility Users Tax on the ballot in 2002 and 2006. They recommended this because the Utility Users Tax is a critical funding source for essential City services.

As you consider your position on Measure "U" do not be misled by the opponent's statements, we need real solutions to these financial issues not quick fixes. ***The question before Eureka's voters is simple; Do you wish to maintain the level of public services you currently enjoy?***

SUPPORT CRITICAL LOCAL SERVICES. VOTE YES ON MEASURE "U".

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FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the rebuttal argument to the argument against Ballot Measure U relating to extension of the utility users tax at the General Election for the City of Eureka to be held on November 7, 2006 hereby state that the rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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